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**October 14, 2020**



**Proof that our faculty, staff  
students and alumni rock**

### **Department of Sociology and Anthropology helps close digital divide in Bulloch County**

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology has partnered with the Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center in Portal, Georgia, to help families in Bulloch County get access to technology and the internet. Participants who need access to the internet during the COVID-19 pandemic can check out and use equipment at an outdoor facility with tables, electricity and fans.



[Read more about the program here.](#)

### **COE, CBSS faculty debut research podcast**

Faculty in the College of Education and College of Behavioral and Social Sciences have partnered to host a nontraditional research podcast, "Who Cares? Casual Conversations with Southern Scholars." The first episode was released on Sept. 24 featuring an introduction to the podcast's hosts and mission.

[Read more about the podcast here.](#)



## Nigerian student passionate about community service

Tolulope "Tolu" Ojo, a biology graduate student, has found her home away from home in Statesboro. Because of her personal belief that community service begins at home, Tolu is a frequent participant in community service events sponsored by the Office of Leadership and Community Engagement.



[Read more about Tolu here.](#)

**Remember** Consider this the string tied around your finger



PRODUCT COLOR  
Sports Grey

## Pre-order your first-gen t-shirt by Oct. 22

Mark your calendars for National First-Generation Celebration Day on Nov. 8! The TRIO Programs at Georgia Southern invite all first-gen faculty, staff and students to pre-order their first-gen pride t-shirts by Oct. 22 to commemorate the day and celebrate being a first-generation college student, which is someone whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) did not receive a four-year bachelor's degree.

[Click here to pre-order a gray t-shirt.](#)

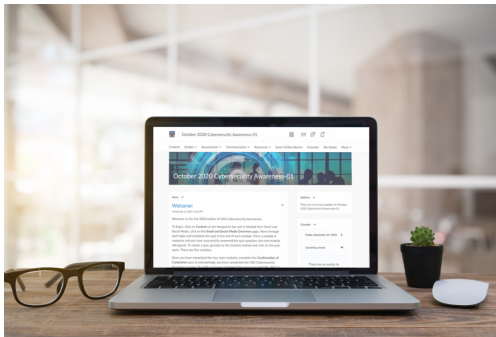
[Click here to pre-order a white t-shirt.](#)



## PeopleSoft Financial System scheduled to update Oct. 16-20

University System of Georgia IT Services, which maintains the PeopleSoft Financial System, has scheduled an update for the PeopleSoft system Oct. 16-20. The system is used to maintain Georgia Southern's financial processes, including purchasing, accounts payable, budgets and general accounting.

[Click here for more information about the update.](#)



## Complete cybersecurity training by Oct. 30

All faculty and staff must complete mandatory cybersecurity training by Friday, Oct. 30. The training is a simple 20-minute course that you can complete in Folio.

[Click here for the course instructions.](#)



## Tuition Assistance Program applications due Nov. 15

Faculty and staff who wish to apply for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for the Spring 2021 semester should do so by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13. All TAP applications should be submitted electronically. Staff should attach their application and confirmation emails to a MyHelp ticket. Faculty application and confirmation emails should be submitted to Trina Smith [attsmith@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:attsmith@georgiasouthern.edu).

Due to working remotely, supervisors can approve TAP applications via emails. Approval emails must be from a Georgia Southern email account.

[Click here for the full details on TAP.](#)

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## NOBA Inclusive Excellence Conversations set for Oct. 20

Invite your friends and colleagues to join the Network of Black Alumni for a virtual Inclusive Excellence Conversations event on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Hear from a distinguished panel of Black alumni and faculty in the field of education regarding being a spoken advocate in increasing diversity in education.

[Register for the event here.](#)



## OIE releases Inclusive Excellence Action Plan

The Office of Inclusive Excellence has released the 2020-2024 Inclusive Excellence Action Plan. The development and implementation of this plan is the next key step toward the realization of Georgia Southern's vision to become a national model for Inclusive Excellence.

[Learn more about the plan and view it here.](#)



## Global Handwashing Day is Oct. 15

Students in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) are bringing awareness to the importance of hand-washing in accordance with Global Handwashing Day, which is Oct. 15. The students are in a global health policy class taught by Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management Bill Mase, DrPH, who said knowing proper hand-washing



techniques is crucial during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read more about Global Handwashing Day here.](#)



## When to wash your hands

- » After using the bathroom
- » Before, during and after preparing food
- » Before eating food
- » Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- » After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used a toilet
- » After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- » After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- » After handling pet food or pet treats
- » After touching garbage



## University lands contract to help launch US Naval Community College

Georgia Southern University has won the opportunity for a future contract with the U.S. Navy to help expand educational opportunities for active-duty sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. The University is among 119 colleges from across the country that were selected to provide distance and online learning curriculum and courses to the military members.

[Read more about the contract here.](#)



## Georgia Southern a Host Institution Sponsor for Global Conference on Sustainability

Sustainability Programs within the Georgia Southern University Office of Leadership and Community Engagement is a Host Institution Sponsor for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's Global Conference on Sustainability in Higher Education, which takes place from Oct. 20 to 22. Many of the sessions can be attended on-demand from Oct. 20 through Nov. 22, while others will be shown live during the conference space.



[Read more about the conference and sessions here.](#)

# Experience

Your chance to dig in  
and get involved



## Eagle football, soccer at home this weekend

Football adds a later home game for Saturday, and men's and women's soccer both face off against Georgia State this weekend at home. Stay up to date with Eagle Nation and earn free stuff all through the GATA Rewards app.

[Click here for a full list of events.](#)



## Botanic Garden Plant Sale preview

The Botanic Garden will host its annual plant sale Friday, Oct. 23-30. Until then, browse the Garden's available items online through Sunday, Oct. 18. Cultivation information accompanies pictures of each plant making it easy to find the right plants for your home. Make a list and be ready to order on Oct. 23 since quantities are limited.

[Browse the plant sale items here.](#)

## Register for the virtual True Blue 5K set for Nov. 7

Traditionally held during homecoming week, the True Blue 5K is all about showing your True Blue pride! This year's race will look a little different as it'll be a virtual run so you can participate from anywhere. Register for the race and support the Abbie Deloach Foundation, run/walk your own route and share your photo with us by posting to your social media using #trueblue5k!



Register for the race [here](#).



## Noelle Singleton to present at Southern Women Speaker Series

Georgia Southern Alumni invites faculty and staff to attend the virtual Southern Women Speaker Series on Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Guest speaker and alumna Noelle Singleton ('10) as she discusses women's health vs. women's health care.

Register for the event [here](#).

[More opportunities to experience Georgia Southern](#)

# You may have heard

News and other information going around

## University planning in-person December graduations with health and safety modifications

After consultation with local and state health officials, Georgia Southern University is planning to hold in-person graduation ceremonies at the end of the Fall 2020 semester. In order to implement social distancing guidelines for the safety



of everyone in attendance, Georgia Southern will host multiple ceremonies. Additionally, since COVID-19 has caused the rescheduling of several football games this year, Paulson Stadium is no longer available on the first three weekends in December, which was when the Fall 2020 commencement ceremonies were originally scheduled. Georgia Southern is now planning five separate ceremonies, spaced out over three days.

[Read more about the announcement and get the schedule here.](#)



## **Deadline extended to Oct. 30 for University Awards of Excellence**

The deadline to nominate a colleague for the University's Awards of Excellence for faculty and staff has been extended through Oct. 30. The awards are designed to identify and reward individuals that make outstanding contributions to the success of Georgia Southern.

[Click here to nominate a faculty or staff member.](#)



## **University celebrates US Navy's birthday**

The Office of Military and Veteran Services celebrated the 245th birthday of the United States Navy on Oct. 13.

Petty Officer Tiffani Kierstead, Associate Professor and former Navy Commander Linda Kimsey, Ph.D., Director of Military and Veteran Services retired Col. George

Fredrick, and Petty Officer Eric Abbott joined in the commemoration.

The event was also streamed live via Zoom featuring a welcome by alumnus and retired Naval Officer Cedric Henry and remarks by Director of Military Affairs for the University System of Georgia and retired Naval Officer David Snow, Ed.D.



## Early voting underway with locations on and near campuses



### In case you missed it

[Homecoming at Georgia Southern set for Nov. 2-7](#)

[IT Services regularly scheduled downtime for upgrades and updates Oct. 16-19](#)

[Join Georgia Southern Alumni for an update on Eagles basketball during](#)

### Extra! Extra!

[Community Champions: When the debt is paid conference — WTOC](#)

[Spaceport Camden could launch massive tourism boost for coastal Georgia — News4Jax](#)

[Experience over theory: Georgia Film Academy, Georgia Southern team for](#)

Savannah Alumni Network Lunch

Staff Council hosting food drive through  
Nov. 15

tangible training for students —  
Savannah Morning News

Take a virtual walkthrough tour of Georgia  
Southern's newly reopened wildlife  
center- WSAV

Southern States Educational Foundation  
Presents Scholarship Donation to  
Support Area Students Pursuing Degrees  
in Transportation and Logistics —  
Savannah Business Journal

Army cutting costs by sharing services  
with local communities — Federal News  
Network

Seasonal flu vaccines more urgent as  
COVID combo threatens 'twindemics' —  
Georgia Recorder

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